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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the National Restaurant Association, I write to thank House and Senate conferees for their hard work to successfully craft a final tax reform package. We urge you to support H.R. 1, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act when it is considered on the House floor this week.

The National Restaurant Association is the leading business association for the nation's restaurant and foodservice industry. We represent more than 14.7 million employees, nearly 10 percent of the nation's workforce. With one million locations across the country, the \$798.7 billion in sales from the restaurant industry comprises four percent of the U.S. GDP.

Our nation's tax system is outdated and in need of simplification. The National Restaurant Association believes tax reform must provide restaurants with greater certainty and foster an environment that encourages economic growth and job creation. The restaurant and foodservice industry urges passage of this legislation as it strikes the right balance between the House and Senate bills on provisions such as a reduction in the pass through and corporate rates as well as full business expensing.

We respectfully urge you to support the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, and thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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